

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 0.4061 ha (revised from 0.40835 ha) forest land **(FP/TG/OTHERS/443141/2023)** for construction of 4G BSNL Mobile Telecozm Tower(at 11 locations) and laying of Optical Fiber Cable (at 4 locations along with Tower) for various villages falling in various RFs of Adilabad and Echoda divisions of Adilabad District in favour of M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Adilabad - Final (Stage.II) approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT
G.O.Ms.No. 56Dated: 10-06-2025
Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S, Hyd., Ref.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/40/2023-FCA Section, Dt:30.09.2023.
- 2.Govt. Letter.No.4209/For.I(1)/2023, dt:16.10.2023.
- 3.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Regional Office, Hyderabad, Dt.02.12.2023.
- 4.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.G, Hyd., RC.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/40/2023-FCA Section, Dt:22.03.2025 & 26.03.2025.
- 5.Govt. Letter.No.4209/For.I(1)/2023, dt:29.03.2025.
- 6.From the Assistant Commissioner(Forestry), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office, Hyderabad, Dt:02.06.2025.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 0.4061 ha (revised from 0.40835 ha) forest land for construction of 4G BSNL Mobile Telecom Tower(at 11 locations) and laying of Optical Fiber Cable (at 4 locations along with Tower) for various villages falling in various RFs of Adilabad and Echoda divisions of Adilabad District in favour of M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Adilabad.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI, have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have forwarded the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal No.(FP/TG/OTHERS/443141/2023) under Section-2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of 0.4061 ha (revised from 0.40835 ha) forest land for construction of 4G BSNL Mobile Telecom Tower(at 11 locations) and laying of Optical Fiber Cable (at 4 locations along with Tower) for various villages falling in various RFs of Adilabad and Echoda divisions of Adilabad District in favour of M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Adilabad, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

| S.No | Conditions |
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| 1.1 | Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged |

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| 1.2 | The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.4061 Ha (revised from 0.40835Ha). |
| 1.3 | No labour camp shall be established on the forest land |
| 1.4 | The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal |
| 1.5 | The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government |
| 1.6 | The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government |
| 1.7 | No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused |
| 1.8 | Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department |
| 1.9 | The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area. |
| 1.10 | The User Agency shall submit a detailed self-compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval to the State Government and Sub Office, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad on completion of the proposed work. |
| 1.11 | Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect. |
| 1.12 | Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife |
| 1.13 | The State Government shall ensure to obtain all such necessary approval and must handed over the diverted forest area to the UA for execution of the project work only after ensuring all such clearances / approvals required for such project and RoFR certificate from the competent authority, as per the provision made under FC rules 2022. |
| 1.14 | No display of advertisement / any such boards, no Arch or any such structure shall be erected or constructed in the forest area approved for diversion. |
| 1.15 | The User Agency shall ensure no plastic waste / any garbage dumped in the forest area. |
| 1.16 | No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work. |
| 1.17 | The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project. |
| 1.18 | Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 29.12.2023. |
| 1.19 | The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less. |

2. Standard conditions

| S. No | Conditions |
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| 2.1 | N/A |

3. Specific Conditions

| S. No | Conditions |
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| 3.1 | WLM& SMC plan duly approved by the competent authority may be implemented at the cost of the User Agency, if applicable. |
| 3.2 | CA plantation for raising 100 seedlings shall be implemented by the State Government identified in an extent of 0.50 ha degraded forest land in Compt.No,249 of Adilabad district as per approved CA scheme |

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF),
Telangana, Hyderabad.

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The M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Adilabad.
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